

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, @ 9:00 A.M.

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet

Video Link: meet.google.com/uqv-qvrd-yom

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Board Members Present

Robert Peoples - MDE
Larry Brenneman - Western MD
Dave Kelly - Central MD
Mike Hall - Eastern MD
Brad Hartman - Southern MD
Heather Quinn - DNR
Hahns Hairston - Chairman/Public At Large

MDE Staff Present

Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel
Duane Johnson - Executive Director

Call to Order

Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Hahns Hairston asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call for anyone present at the virtual meeting.

Presiding Officer Comments

Hahns Hairston welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion made by Brad Hartman was seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Review and Adoption of May 25, 2022 Remote Open Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the May 2022 open meeting minutes. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Executive Director Comments

● **Revenue and Expenditures**

<u>APRIL</u>	
REVENUE	\$450.00
EXPENDITURES	\$108,951.29

MAY (Draft)

REVENUE \$2200.00
EXPENDITURES PENDING FISCAL

MONTH	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE
JULY 2021	\$9,123.97	\$2,325.00
AUGUST 2021	\$10,425.58	\$900.00
SEPTEMBER 2021	\$10,424.84	\$525.00
OCTOBER 2021	\$10,422.84	\$225.00
NOVEMBER 2021	\$15,610.19	\$725.00
DECEMBER 2021	\$9,564.52	\$625.00
JANUARY 2022	\$12,186.72	\$600.00
FEBRUARY 2022	\$10,455.95	\$150.00
MARCH 2022	\$10,365.70	50.00
APRIL 2022	\$10,370.98	\$450.00
MAY 2022		\$2200.00
JUNE 2022		N/A
TOTAL	\$108,951.29	\$8775.00

New Business

- Training Courses for Approval

ORGANIZATION	COURSE NAME	LOCATION	DATES	LICENSE CATEGORY	REC. HRS.	CYCLE
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South Atlantic Jubilee	2022 South Atlantic Jubilee	Myrtle Beach, SC	7/29 to 7/31	All Drillers	* Up to 22 documented hours approved * 1 additional CEU for attendance	2023
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- **June Exam Results**

PASSED	3
FAILED	1
% PASSED	75%
% FAILED	25%
AVERAGE GRADE	73.8%

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Mike Hall to approve the following applicants who passed their examination with 70% or above for licenses. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston:

BROCK PENN - Apprentice Well Driller

JOSHUA STANFIELD - Apprentice Well Driller

MATTHEW FRECK - Journeyman Well Driller

- **Examination Qualification for Approval**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Brad Hartman to approve the following applicants to take their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

NAME	EXAMINATION
Edison Vieira	Apprentice Well Driller
Ronald Burdette	Apprentice Well Driller
Jayden Edwards	Apprentice Well Driller
Dallon Espinosa	Apprentice Well Driller
Joshua George	Apprentice Well Driller
Jose Conteras	Apprentice Well Driller

Carlos Medina	Apprentice Well Driller
Clifford Hannan	Apprentice Well Driller
John Kolinski	Apprentice Water Conditioner Installer
Christian Menk	Apprentice Water Conditioner Installer
Robert Bangledorf	Water Conditioner Installer
Robert Bangledorf	Pump Installer
Shaun Wayman	Journey Geotechnical Driller
Jacob Braun	Journeyman Well Driller
Orli Erazo	Journeyman Well Driller
Peter Lankenau	Master Well Driller - Water Supply

- **Calvert County Matter**

Board member, Brad Hartman, said he got a call from Art Gilliam from Water Tech wanting to know why Calvert County wouldn't let them get a water conditioning permit. Brad said he has a Master Well Driller and Water Conditioner Installer on staff and that Calvert County told him only a Master Plumber can obtain a permit. Hahns Hairston suggested that Duane Johnson contact Calvert County and let them know that the well driller has a right to obtain a permit. Hahns said Calvert County is not allowed to restrict a license holder from getting a permit.

Old Business

- **Different State's Examination Qualifications**

Board member, Mike Hall, presented the below draft chart to the rest of the Board on behalf of the subcommittee on regulation changes as a potential tool to serve as a reference for Board staff when evaluating whether a specific out of state applicant is eligible to take a Maryland drill licensing examination. He said the chart is a work in progress, and as other states are considered information will be added. Mike Hall asked for comments and input from other Board members. The Board suggested adding links to the various states. Mike Hall said that the subcommittee is also working on proposed changes to the well drilling regulations. The subcommittee will present their recommendations to the Board at a later date.

DRAFT CHART PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Class & Category	MD	NJ	NC	DE	VA	PA	WV
MWD	2 years as a JWD in the	5 years of experience including 2	7 years of experience	Must be licensed with	6 years of experience	Business must be licensed,	Additional 2 years of

	same category	as a Journeyman		2 years of experience		not the individual. No tracking mechanism	experience 3000 hours
JWD	3 years as an AWD	3 years of experience under the supervision of an MWD			3 years of experience		2 years of experience 3000 hours
PIO	2 years as an apprentice pump installer	2 years of experience under the supervision of a Pump Installer, JWD or MWD		Must be licensed with 1 year of experience in pump installation, maintenance and repair			
WCI	2 years as an apprentice water conditioner installer						
AWD	1 year as a helper		18 months experience		1 year of experience		
Comparable to Maryland		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	?

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

No Comments

Board Vote to Move into Closed Session

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman and seconded by Robert Peoples to go into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

The presiding officer read a written closing statement addressing the reason for the closed meeting, including the topics to be discussed and statutory exception(s) (see below).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article (“GP”), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Larry Brenneman that was seconded by Robert Peoples, Board members approved moving into closed session on June 22, 2022, for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b)(2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders;

The following Board members were present during the closed meeting: Presiding Officer Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall and Brad Hartman.

The following MDE staff were present during the closed meeting: Duane Johnson and Gayatri Mostaghimi.

The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the May 25, 2022, closed meeting minutes, discussed the status of a proposed disciplinary action against a driller, and discussed legal advice relating to an email that a Board member received and discussed next steps relating to a drillers license application.